1	2	3
2.	Nadia	17
3.	N 24 Parganas	35
4.	Hugli	4
5.	Bardhaman	9
6.	Haora	2
7.	Malda	4
Chhattisgarh		
1.	Rajnandgaon	6

Cess levied on bottled water

437. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the cess being levied on bottled water and beverages industry at present;

(b) whether a sub-committee appointed by his Ministry have recommended increasing cess on bottled water and beverages industry which use water as a basic raw material;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other recommendation of the sub-committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Water cess is levied and collected by State Pollution Control Boards for prevention and control of water pollution. Differential rates of cess are charged depending upon the use of water, the rate being higher where pollution load is expected to be more which results in higher cost of pollution abatement. It varies from 2 paise/kiloliter for domestic purposes to 30 paise/ kiloliter for industrial purposes.

(b) to (d) The Sub-Committee on Policy for Water for Industries constituted by the Ministry of Water Resources under the Artificial Recharge of Ground Water Advisory Council has submitted its report to the Ministry.

Utilisation of rain water by IIT

†438. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether IIT has developed such a technique for water conservation during two years whereby rain water will be utilized successfully in the urban and rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.